

Board of Pharmacy

Final Statement of Reasons

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulation: Abandonment of Application Files

Title 16 Sections Affected: Amend 1706.2

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in this rulemaking file. The information contained therein accurately reflects the board's position regarding the adoption of the above section.

The Board of Pharmacy proposes to amend Section 1706.2 of Division 17 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. Currently there is no provision in pharmacy law that defines the abandonment of an application for a veterinary food-animal drug retailer, hypodermic needle and syringe, pharmacist intern or designated representative. This proposal will make consistent the conditions under which these applications may be abandoned.

California law requires the board to collect a social security number from an individual applicant in advance of the issuance of a license. This is potentially problematic for some intern pharmacist applicants, as they do not possess a social security number. As such, the application abandonment timeframe established for intern pharmacist applicants is set at one year to allow an applicant an opportunity to obtain an H1-B Visa and obtain a social security number in advance of the board issuing an intern pharmacist license. This process typically takes about 12 months.

Several nonsubstantive changes were made to the text prior to the filing of this action with the Secretary of State

Summary of Comments Received During the 45-Day Comment Period:

No comments were received during the 45-day comment period. No public hearing was requested in connection with this rulemaking and none was held.

Local Mandate:

None

Business Impact:

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This determination was based on the absence of testimony

indicating adverse economic impact regarding these rulemaking proposals at the informational hearing held by the board and during the 45-day comment period.

Specific Technologies or Equipment:

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

Consideration of Alternatives:

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to the affected persons than the proposed regulation.